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Joseph and Rosemary Farley are celebrating 70 years of marriage.

Devoted duo still in step after 70 years!

A COUPLE who were brought together by their mutual love of dancing are celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary after tying the knot 70 years ago!

Joseph and Rosemary Farley, both 88, and from Aughton, married at St Robert Bellarmine Church in Bootle in 1948.

As a young couple the pair enjoyed taking part in a variety of ballroom dancing competitions, representing the North West at national level.

Rosemary was also a teen model before going into fashion design and retail, working for a long time at the famous Lewis's department store in Liverpool.

Joseph meanwhile made his career in transporting fruit following a stint in the RAF.

They celebrated their big day with a family party at Hurlston Hall, Scarisbrick.

And their secret for a long and happy marriage?

"Having a lot of fun with one another and being able to laugh about things", says Rosemary. "And it's nice if you have got a hobby that you both enjoy."

TV BIKERS BRING RAY OF SUNSHINE FOR BRAVE TEEN!

Meeting with his on-screen heroes is a dream come true for youngster battling serious spinal condition

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A SERIOUSLY ill youngster from West Lancs has had a dream meeting with his favourite TV stars - thanks to a charity which aims to brighten the lives of children living with serious or life-limiting illnesses.

Christopher Hardman is currently living with an undiagnosed neuromuscular condition and has undergone spinal surgery to correct a 90-degree curve in his spine.

Due to his condition, the 15-year-old from Burscough must have daily physiotherapy and doesn't know what his future holds in terms of treatment, as doctors have never seen a condition like his before.

Despite this though Christopher is a very positive young person, described by his parents as a daredevil who likes everything 'the faster the better'.

He is also a big fan of Mark Hayes and Steve Harris from the hit Channel 5 television show, *Emergency Bikers* and had a wish come true when the duo paid him a visit at his home arranged by children's charity, Rays of Sunshine.

Delighted

The opportunity arose when Christopher and his mum, Natalie were at Alder Hey Hospital where the charity, which aims to make youngsters' wishes come true, had a stall.

Natalie was encouraged to apply on Christopher's behalf and the charity set about working with the TV company to make the teenager's dream a reality.

Meanwhile Natalie and Christopher's dad, Steve decided to keep it a secret so that the visit would be a complete surprise - and the delighted youngster was speechless with excitement when the big day arrived.

Magic moment for Christopher as he meets his TV heroes Emergency Bikers, Steve Harris and Mark Hayes.

Natalie said: "As soon as the Emergency Bikers pulled onto our drive, he knew exactly who they were even before they removed their helmets!

"The excitement on his face was wonderful to see and even though he was utterly lost for words, the experience was amazing for both him, and us as a family too. He hasn't stopped talking about it since.

"Thanks to Rays of Sunshine for such a wonderful experience and memory."

During the visit Christopher had the chance to ask Mark and Steve lots of questions and to sit on one of the emergency service motorcycles while having lots of photos taken of himself with the TV stars.

Jane Sharpe, CEO of Rays of Sunshine, said: "We can't be more thankful to the Emergency Bikers, Mark and Steve, for helping us grant such a special wish for Christopher and taking time out to put such a huge smile on his face."

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Community Safety Partnership gears up for Welcome Week

WEST Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is gearing up for its annual Welcome Week programme for new students at Edge Hill University.

The partnership, which includes the university, has an excellent track record of delivering a large programme of activities to integrate students safely into the community.

The programme will start in earnest when students arrive on Sunday (September 16). CSP members view this period as an ideal opportunity to provide key safety and welfare messages to the students.

Many aspects of the programme will extend beyond the initial Welcome Week (formerly known as Freshers' Week) when returning students will be given the important messages.

Heidi McDougall, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership chairperson, said: "We have done some excellent work to ensure plans are in place to help local people and the university to integrate students into the area during the first few weeks of term.

"I would like to reassure residents that all relevant organisations are working together on their behalf to ensure the welcome period runs smoothly."

The university will distribute Halls of Residence and Student Handbooks to all new students, containing information on safety, security and behaviour. Staff at the university and Students' Union will also help students settle into, and become active members of the local community.

Fay Sherrington, Edge Hill's director of student services.

During Welcome Week, partnership members will be in and around the campus in St Helens Road to offer help and advice to new students and provide assurance for the wider community.

The police have a dedicated patrol plan and, with funding from the CSP, will have extra officers on local streets during the first two weeks of term. There will be foot patrols until 3am, particularly on key nights for Welcome Week activities as identified from information provided by the university's Students' Union.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will also give safety advice to first year students and carry out fire safety checks on student accommodation.

In addition to their regular Saturday night patrols on Saturdays September 22 and 29, Ormskirk Street Pastors will have volunteers on extra town centre patrols between 10.30pm and 2.30am on Friday, September 28.

And the council's Environmental Enforcement Team will also be undertaking daily patrols of Ormskirk for the three-week period visiting all known student properties to provide advice in relation to waste, re-cycling and noise.

Fay Sherrington, Edge Hill's director of student services, said: "Ensuring our students and members of the Ormskirk community are kept safe is of paramount importance to us, and we work closely with the CSP to support a safe, secure and welcoming community environment.

"Edge Hill University is the safest place to study in the North West according to the Complete University Guide and we will continue to communicate safety messages to students and also encourage them to be neighbourly and become active members of the local community."

West Lancashire geographic policing Inspector, Adrian Jolly, said: "We have devised a comprehensive multi-agency plan to ensure that Welcome Week is a success and passes peacefully, keeping disruption and anti-social behaviour to a minimum.

"Alongside the other CSP members we will be facilitating increased foot patrols in and around the vicinity of the university and town centre. Residents and students alike will be re-assured that there will be a visible police presence throughout the Welcome period."

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Cafe owners' poppy plan to honour town's First World War fallen

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE owners of an Ormskirk cafe are doing their bit to commemorate the town's First World War heroes by providing materials for members of the public to make poppies for each one.

Dempsey's on Burscough Street will be providing free kits to make felt, knitted or crocheted poppies which will be made into a wreath and laid at the town war memorial at the Remembrance service in November.

And the scheme was given a civic lift-off when Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, joined owners Jo and Dave Dempsey to launch the project.

Jo, whose grandfather served at Lathom Remount Depot during the 1914-18 war, said it had always been in her heart to do something for the occasion.

The couple have linked up with history group, Ormskirk Bygone Times, to find out the names of more than 600 soldiers from the area who lost their lives during the war and Jo said that each poppy will be labelled with one of the names of the fallen.

West Lancs' Mayor and Mayores, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert join Jo and Dave Dempsey (in aprons) and friends putting together their Remembrance poppy kits.

The commemorative initiative is also linking up with the joint Royal British Legion and Commonwealth War Grave Commission'sonline project, Every One Remembered, which aims to individually commemorate every one of the more than one million Commonwealth servicemen and women who were killed during the First World War.

Jo said: "We feel it's important to remember - even 100 years on - those brave people of Ormskirk and Aughton."

Work to start 'soon' on 200 new homes at former brickworks site

MORE than 200 new homes are to be built in Hesketh Bank with work planned to 'start soon'.

Persimmon Homes will redevelop the former Alty's Brickworks on Station Road, building 212 new family homes on the brownfield site. The development will be called Douglas Gardens.

Diane Finch from Persimmon Homes Lancashire, said: "Our new development, Douglas Gardens, will provide a range of much-needed homes for the local community, from two-bedroom apartments to five bedroom houses. And 20% of the properties will be affordable homes for low-cost home ownership.

"The development has been sensitively planned to reflect the surrounding environment and includes pedestrian links and safe open spaces."

The site is being developed in two halves - one on the former brick works and one on adjacent fields. Both parts run down towards the River Douglas and provide the first portion of West Lancs Council's planned linear park, running along this length of the river.

The West Lancashire Light Railway, that currently runs on the adjacent site, will continue to operate as normal with access eventually being provided via the new adopted roads on site.

Diane added: "Ecological protection requirements have delayed the start of work while we awaited the necessary licences, and there is a considerable amount of demolition required before construction can get under way.

"However, we are hopeful that work will commence very soon."

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West Lancs Town Crier Don Evans and Mayor, Cllr. Noel Delaney lead the way as walkers set out on the War Horse route from Ormskirk Railway Station to Lathom.

Town Crier Don leads the way on borough's second War Horse Walk

WEST Lancashire's Town Crier, Don Evans joined the Mayor, Councillor Noel Delaney and local residents on the War Horse Walk to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The route mostly followed that taken by the war horses - brought to Ormskirk railway station from all over the world via Liverpool docks - to the remount depot at Lathom Park, Lathom.

The commemorative walk was organised by West Lancs Council in conjunction with Lathom Park Chapel, Lathom Park Trust and the Aughton & Ormskirk U3A group.

It was followed by a heritage event held at Hall Lane Scout hut in Lathom.

Moor Hall up to No. 11 in Good Food Guide's Top 50 UK restaurants

AUGHTON restaurant Moor Hall is in the 'good books' again.

The multi award-winning eatery has climbed up The Good Food Guide's list of top 50 restaurants in the UK to position No. 11 with a score of eight out of 10.

It entered the guide last year at position 26, Lancashire's highest placed establishment, just five months after opening.

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Students get a buzz out of bee project!

Working beehives established at Ormskirk campus as part of sustainability drive

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill Students' Union has worked with students, staff and local organisations to bring working beehives to the Ormskirk campus as part of its drive on sustainability and the local environment.

This year saw the creation of Edge Hill's new Bee Society, something completely led by students passionate about protecting and growing the bee population in the local area.

Society members worked for months to identify partners to work with and the best location for the hives, and after much consultation and search for funding, the project got the go-ahead this summer.

Edge Hill sabbatical officers have been driving the project forward, to secure a spot for the new fuzzy friends before the winter weather kicks in, in hope that they'll settle into their new location well.

Students' Union activities vice-president Dan Bocharnikov pictured with Kath and Simon Courdingley of The Bee Centre and Amy Turner, president of the Bee Society.

Dan Bocharnikov, the union's activities vice-president, said: "The aims of this project are to help sustain a declining honey bee population, while educating future generations about the current issue.

"After working on this project for several months it's great to finally bring the bees to Edge Hill. Sustainability and the environment are massively important to our students and they were really passionate about making this happen."

The university's Students' Union worked with Lancashire-based 'The Bee Centre' to become trained in ethical beekeeping, and will continue the partnership to maintain the colony.

Amy Turner, president of the Bee Society, said: "This project is all about education, welfare and doing something to stop the decline in these amazing creatures. I can't wait to show those who wish to be involved exactly how fascinating and important these girls are.

"Anyone who has been involved in the project so far will know that my passion and enthusiasm to share their world has been infectious."

The beehives and surrounding sanctuary allotment will also offer new outdoor experiences for students, staff and the local community to make friends and improve mental health, with plans for small educational events throughout the year.

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Moss Hey Lane closure proposal to be considered by council chiefs

A PROPOSAL to close the southern section of Moss Hey Lane, at its junction with Southport New Road (A565) near Mere Brow, is being considered this week.

Lancashire County Council's cabinet will discuss the closure at its meeting on Thursday September 13, following concerns about the number of accidents at the junction.

A consultation with local people and businesses was carried out after a study showed there were 17 accidents at the junction over the last five years. Five of these accidents resulted in serious injuries and 12 in more minor injuries.

The southern section of Moss Hey Lane .

The majority of collisions were the result of vehicles failing to observe the 'Give Way' when crossing the A565 from Moss Hey Lane in either direction.

Rina Housbey, principal road design engineer for Lancashire County Council, said: "We've put this report together after looking at how the junction is used and analysing the incident and collision data.

"There have been 17 accidents at the junction of Moss Hey Lane and Southport New Road over five years, which is higher than you would expect for a road of this nature.

"People's safety is our main concern and the proposal would help to reduce the risk of accidents, as many were caused by cars crossing the A565.

"Cabinet will now consider the proposal to close the road and make a decision at its meeting this week."

House builder 'broke promise' to give village scouts a brand new hut

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A HOUSING developer has been accused of reneging on a promise made to scouts in Mawdesley to build them a new hut.

The promise, it is claimed, was undertaken as part of a deal to build a housing estate in the village but it has emerged that the developer, Jones Homes, now wants to build three executive houses on the site earmarked for the new scout hut should Chorley Borough Council approve the amended plans.

Scout leaders say that Jones Homes had even met with them to discuss the plan for a new scout hut and had never once suggested to them that the project would not go ahead.

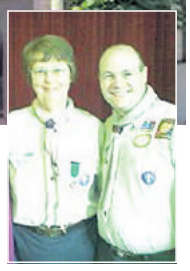
The scout hut formed part of an original planning application by Bloor Homes to build 56 homes on Goodyear Business Park, Gorsey Lane.

Outline planning permission was granted in 2014 by Chorley Borough Council and though Bloor Homes eventually withdrew from the development it was taken over by Jones Homes which adopted the permitted plans, along with the promise, it is claimed, to build the scouts a new home.

Approval for the application was sought in November of last year, and was finally granted last month.

However, also last month, Jones Homes submitted a new application to amend the plans by scrapping the scout hut and building an extra three houses on the site instead.

The decision to scrap the scout hut has caused anger in the village with one objection to the council stating: "If this were to be allowed it would feel very much like a con, that the scout movement has been hoodwinked by the developer who can now seek to maximise their profits."



The Village Hall where Mawdesley scouts have to meet. Right: Chris Charlton and assistant scout leader Paul Britton

Chris Charlton, Group Scout Leader with 46th Ormskirk (Mawdesley), said she was angered by the decision: "It has been my vision to find our own meeting place for the past 10 years and I finally thought it would happen when a scout hut was included in the original plans that were passed by Chorley council.

"This application to do away with our building for three houses has left me feeling upset, angry, let down and devastated. The scout hut is for the young people of the village and it feels like the group has been used to get the plans passed for the houses."

Chris has been encouraging parents of scouts in Mawdesley to object to Chorley council about the amendment and reminded them of the scouts' desperate need for their own premises.

Presently the scouts and beavers meet in Mawdesley Village Hall and annexe which are not suitable to accommodate them. Depending on what other events are going on at the hall, the scouts may not be able to meet for as many as two weeks per month.

Due to not having their own premises the group's minibus has to be kept in a field, a trailer is kept in a front garden and equipment stored in a garden shed. All the leaders have at least one room in their houses full of resources.

Other limitations mean that scouts are not able to play any games that need balls.

Chris wrote to parents: "The provision of a community building was an integral part of the development and assisted in the original planning application being successful. The new developers, Jones Homes, have met with us on more than one occasion to discuss the requirements for the new scout hut and gave no indication that they were wanting to renege on their agreement."

A spokesperson for Jones Homes declined to comment.

Geoffrey Goodyear, who sold the land to Jones Homes, was not available for comment. His son, Simon Goodyear, said he was aware of the development but that it was a decision taken by Jones Homes.

The neighbour consultation regarding the proposed amendment ends on Tuesday September 25 with the council setting a determination deadline of Monday, October 29. To comment see planning applications at https://planning.chorley.gov.uk, reference is 14/00022/OUTMAJ.

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Ormskirk impressionist to play US president in Pinter tribute

ORMSKIRK-born comedian and impressionist Jon Culshaw has been chosen to play a fictional US president in a recently discovered sketch by the late Harold Pinter.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Nobel Prize winner's death in 2008 his one-act plays are to be performed at the Harold Pinter Theatre, London from September to February.

His widow, Lady Antonia Fraser told how she recently came across a previously unknown comedy sketch he had written about a trigger-happy American president who "accidentally nukes London."

Former St Bede's High School pupil Culshaw, known for his impressions of former president, George W. Bush and present incumbent, Donald Trump, was one of the actors chosen to play the fictional president in the sketch which will be performed by various guest stars.

Doctor shares her own story to help parents of children with autism

Consultant hopes her experience will help to dispel the misinformation surrounding the condition

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WEST Lancashire doctor has written a book aimed at offering practical help and guidance to parents bringing up an autistic child.

Dr May Ng, a consultant pediatrician with Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust based at Ormskirk Hospital, has drawn on her own experience looking after her autistic son in writing the book, *A Journey With Brendan; Life With A Child With Autism, By A Mother And Paediatrician*.

One in 60 children are on the autism spectrum yet there is a 24 to 36-month wait under the NHS for diagnosis and many families are desperate for help, advice and reassurance.

Dr Ng's book was written to meet that need by providing useful tips for parents of a child with autism, bringing together a wide range of resources and practical advice to help families cope.

Today, her son Brendan is a happy 13-year-old attending a specialist autism school in Liverpool and is able to do many things they once believed might not be possible.

The book aims to offer comfort to parents of children with autism, as well as the hope that their children can live happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

Dr Ng with her book.

She said: "I hope that this book will be my way of helping to clear the fog of mystery and misinformation surrounding autism. In many areas in the UK, there is up to 36 months or more wait under the NHS for diagnosis, let alone access to services, therapies and appropriate schools. The result is that many families are left alone, lost and desperate for help, advice and reassurance.

"In writing my personal story I have included with it the best and most valuable of what I have learned along the way as a mother, a paediatrician, a researcher. There are useful resources and practical advice on aspects of bringing up a child with autism. I hope it will encourage healthcare professionals to be advocates for families who patiently and willingly endure battles every day for the sake of their children."

Mother-of-three Dr Ng is married to Eugene whom she met as a teenager in Malaysia where they both won scholarships to study medicine.

Dr Ng holds a dual accreditation in general paediatrics and paediatric endocrinology and diabetes; has produced more than 150 scientific publications and has been a keynote speaker at many international meetings and conferences.

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£280k winter funding boost for trust

Minister says investment will help deliver best possible care for patients

A FUNDING boost of £280,000 has been pledged to Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, to help staff prepare ahead of winter.

Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, announced earlier this week that 81 new schemes, totalling £145 million of capital investment, have been prioritised from within the department's capital budget for hospitals across the country to help fund improved emergency care, new beds, and enhanced equipment.

He said that healthcare chiefs want to ensure that the NHS performs as well as it possibly can this winter and that the funding will enable the service to deliver additional beds, redevelop A&E units and upgrade wards, enhance bed management systems and improve 'same-day' emergency care.

Mr Hancock said: "Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has identified a scheme that can help with its emergency care capacity.

"Last winter was challenging, but thanks to the efforts and dedication of hard working frontline staff, more than 500 more people were seen in A&E and admitted or discharged within four hours every day. This further investment in the NHS will help those staff to deliver the best possible care for patients this winter."

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock.

Southport MP Damien Moore welcomed the boost and said that he would also be writing back to Mr. Hancock about other issues facing the hospital.

He said: "Winter has an inevitable impact on people's health, but this money will help Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust prepare for the coming challenges and overcome them. It also shows how committed the Government is to our NHS."

Surgeon My Firaz shows visitors around an operating theatre.

Hospital open day a 'fantastic' success

OFFICIALS at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust have hailed the open day at Southport Hospital last Saturday (September 8) as a 'fantastic' success with hundreds of locals turning up despite some inclement weather.

And it is hoped to stage another similar event next year at Ormskirk Hospital.

A spokesperson for the trust said: "Despite the rain, families turned up to learn more about our services, chat to the teams, tour the theatres and even try out basic life-saving skills."

Visitors had the chance to see how the hospital's accident and emergency department would manage a major incident, along with ambulance crews, paramedics and fire fighters.

Meanwhile a 'clinic for teddies' proved very popular with younger visitors with even Toy Story hero Woody needing a plaster!

Medics explained simulators are used to train doctors and people could even try their hand at cannulation (on a dummy of course!)

The hospital's new Garden of Reflection also opened on the day, with Ccentral Sefton MP Bill Esterson cutting the ribbon, and local ladies choir, Just Voices giving a moving performance.

The garden has been created thanks to support from the trust's Organ and Tissue Donation Group, the West Lancashire Freemasons and Dobbies Garden Centre. It will be used by patients, their families and friends, visitors, carers and staff - anyone who wishes to find a quiet space.

Also in attendance were Mayor of Sefton, Councillor Dave Robinson and Southport MP Damien Moore who visited the stands, chatting to staff and public about the hospital.

Meanwhile the trust's annual general meeting also took place on the day and alongside all the fun there was a recruitment event offering job interviews and – potentially - conditional offers on the day.

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Youngsters team up with council Rangers on projects to enhance town park

YOUNG people from the National Citizen Service (NCS) have been working on projects with West Lancs Council"s Parks and Countryside Rangers Service in Coronation Park, Ormskirk.

NCS is a programme for 15 to 17-year-olds giving them the opportunity to develop their skills including social, planning and teamwork initiatives to achieve a successful final project.

The teams have been assisting with the Junior Rangers events during the school holidays and implementing their own projects on site.

One team created a fairy trail through one of the woodlands, while a second team created small animal homes to help our animal friends through the winter period.

They also ran a social picnic for the local residents living near the park.

The Parks and Countryside Rangers would like to thank the teams for their enthusiasm and motivation throughout the holidays and wish them every success for the future.

SOME of the youngsters from the National Citizen Service (NCS) pictured during their project in Coronation Park.

Heidi McDougall, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and environment, said: "We are very grateful to the young people from the National Citizens Service for their efforts working alongside the Parks and Countryside Rangers over the summer.

"The two projects developed by the teams are fantastic and enhance the park for visitors and wildlife."

● If you are part of a community group or organisation and would like to get involved in improving your local area you can contact the Ranger Service on 01695 622794 or by email at beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk.

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Royal Bank of Scotland to close two more branches in West Lancs

MP accuses taxpayer-funded bank of turning its back on area

The Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Burscough is set to close in January, it has been announced.

Report by **Henry James**

TWO more branches of the Royal Bank of Scotland in West Lancashire have been earmarked for closure following another review of the company's operations.

And two branches in neighbouring Sefton also face the axe in the latest round of closures.

As a result of the review, RBS has announced it will close a further 54 branches in England and Wales with a total of 258 job losses. This is in addition to the 162 closures announced in April.

In West Lancs the Burscough Bridge and Parbold RBS branches are set to close on January 29, 2019. This follows the Skelmersdale branch closure on May 22, while the Ormskirk branch is set to go on November 27.

In Sefton meanwhile, RBS banks in Maghull and Formby will also close in January following the axeing of the Bootle branch on August 16. The Birkdale branch is also set to close on November 6.

An RBS spokesperson said: "As we are no longer launching Williams & Glyn as a challenger bank we now have two branch networks operating in close proximity to each other in England and Wales - NatWest and Royal Bank of Scotland.

"As a result we have reviewed our overall branch footprint in England and Wales and have made the difficult decision to close 54 Royal Bank of Scotland branches.

"Customers of Royal Bank of Scotland in England and Wales will be able to use NatWest branches and local post offices for their everyday banking needs. We will now focus on investing in our Royal Bank network in England and Wales to make sure customers have a consistent range of products and services wherever they bank, be it Scotland, England or Wales."

Unite, the union representing staff at Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) has described this latest announcement as "disgusting."

Rob MacGregor, Unite national officer said: "It is utterly disgusting that Royal Bank of Scotland has the audacity to announce that yet more important local bank branches will permanently close their doors.

"Another 54 local communities will lose the vital local bank branch which many customers rely on and over 340 staff will lose their jobs. The disabled, elderly and many local businesses will be deeply disappointed that their bank has chosen to withdraw from their community and no longer provide them with the access to banking services which we all deserve.."

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said: "RBS is a taxpayer-funded bank who are simply withdrawing from the North of England. In our area there will only be two RBS banks, one in Liverpool and one in Southport. This is simply not good enough.

Disowned

"As the taxpayer owns 62.4 per cent of the bank, I am calling on the Chancellor to hold RBS to account and ensure that taxpayers are treated fairly wherever they live and are not just looking after those in the South of England.

"Why should North West taxpayers' money be used to prop up a bank which has practically disowned this region? As long as they are getting our taxpayer pounds they don't care that they are closing branches in areas where there isn't a good transport infrastructure and that is penalising those who are elderly, infirm or don't have their own transport. Taxpayers will also want to know what we are getting for our money if it's not banks!"

Hillsborough cop pleads not guilty to manslaughter

THE match commander of the 1989 FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough, David Duckenfield, has pleaded not guilty to manslaughter charges.

As part of a trial preparation hearing the 74-year-old appeared via videolink at Preston Crown Court.

Court clerk, Mark Nicholson, read out the names of the 95 men, women and children with whose deaths he is charged. Family members of the Hillsborough victims were in the public gallery during the hearing.

Graham Mackrell, who was the secretary and safety officer at Sheffield Wednesday, pleaded not guilty to two charges of not following safety legislation.

Mr Duckenfield has been charged with manslaughter by gross negligence. He is not charged in relation to the death of the 96th victim, Tony Bland, who died from his injuries more than a year later.

The provisional trial date for both men is January 14.

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Working with Exotic Zoo, regularly featured on Blue Peter, Animal Magic is the centres most popular family event, with over 5000 people attending last year. Meet an armadillo, go on a donkey ride, see meerkats, hug a greyhound, visit a petting zoo, watch Asian short-clawed otters play, get close to a variety of birds of prey or be scared by lots of reptiles and insects. Most of the displays will be indoors so whatever the weather you are guaranteed a great day out.

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: "Animal Magic is our most popular family event at the centre. We always try to do events at the Centre that provide a fantastic opportunity for our visitors to experience something new; where you can get very close to or stroke animals such as an armadillo and meerkats at one event; you can see all kinds of animals you probably wouldn't come across in your day to day life and it is amazing to see so many children enjoy the experience.'

To help you plan your day...

Have a go at free pond dipping at the Pond House to see what creatures you can see in the ponds. There will also be a range of family craft activities for children between 11am and 4pm including making animal ears, some may include a small charge;

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WWT Martin Mere is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight centres.

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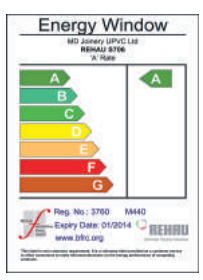

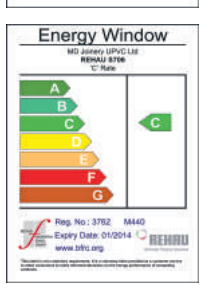

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Council supporting Gas Safety Week

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is showing its support for Gas Safety Week (September 17-23) by sharing some top tips for residents highlighting the importance of gas safety.

The eighth annual Gas Safety Week sees organisations from across the UK working together to raise awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances, which can cause leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

This year, Gas Safety Week is addressing a whole range of safety matters throughout the week - from tackling illegal gas work to reminding people to avoid DIY when it comes to gas appliances and leave it to the experts, registered engineers who are legally qualified to make sure appliances are working safely and efficiently.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion, said: "The council is very pleased to support Gas Safety Week. This is a very important subject and we would urge tenants and residents to follow the tips given by Gas Safe Register.

"The council would also urge our tenants to co-operate with the authority when our staff contact you regarding doing gas safety checks in your homes so we can ensure that your home continues to be safe."

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion

Jonathan Samuel, chief executive for Gas Safe Register, said: "It's great to see so many people supporting Gas Safety Week this year to help spread important and, in some cases, lifesaving advice about gas safety.

Vital

"It's so vital that we help people to know not to cut corners with gas and always ask a suitably qualified Gas Safe registered engineer to work on gas appliances at their home to stay gas safe."

To keep residents and their family safe, the council is encouraging residents to follow these Gas Safe Register top tips:

- **Know the symptoms of CO poisoning - headaches, nausea, breathlessness, collapse, dizziness and loss of consciousness.**
- **If you smell gas or think there might be a gas leak, call the free 24-hour national gas emergency number immediately on 0800 111 999.**
- **Never attempt to work on a gas appliance yourself, always seek the help of a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer who can work on a gas cooker, boiler or fire in a safe way.**
- **Don't cut corners. Always ask to see an engineer's Gas Safe ID card. Check the back of the card which will state which gas appliances they are qualified to work on.**
- **Only employ a suitably qualified Gas Safe registered engineer when having gas work carried out in your home. Gas Safe Register is the official register for legally qualified engineers. You can find a registered engineer in your area by visiting the Gas Safe Register website at www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk or by calling on 0800 408 5500.**

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Civic salute to country's merchant seafarers

CIVIC dignitaries and representatives of the armed forces attended the raising of the Red Ensign at West Lancs Council's offices building to mark Merchant Navy Day.

The council was supporting a call by the Seafarers UK charity and the Merchant Navy Association for the Merchant Navy's official flag to be flown on public buildings.

Civic heads, armed forces representatives, clergy and guests at the flag-raising ceremony to mark Merchant Navy Day.

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Charity group enjoy action-packed break

MEMBERS of West Lancs-based Sporting Challenge enjoyed a three-day holiday packed with outdoor pursuits - thanks to donations of more than £3,000.

The charity, which provides sporting activities for people with learning disabilities took members to Castle Head field studies centre near Grange Over Sands.

The trip was funded by grants and donations from Bickerstaffe Boat Company; Ormskirk Rotary Club (£250); Skelton Bounty of Liverpool (£400); the Hedley Foundation based in London (£1,000); the Morrison's Foundation of Bradford (£1,000); and Yorkshire Building Society (£500).

Activities organiser, Edward McCarthy said that the group had a great time tackling events including team challenges, low ropes, canoeing on Lake Windermere, outdoor art, bush craft, crate stack (a test of balance and co-ordination using wires and ropes) and a campfire.

He said: "The venue was fantastic and our group had a brilliant time. Everyone relished the opportunity to try new outdoor challenges, some of our group had never been away for a weekend before.

"And the centre was brilliant and had much to offer us.

"I would like to thank the Sporting Challenge staff who came for the weekend and the donors whose generosity made the trip possible."

Members of Sporting Challenge enjoy crate-stacking.

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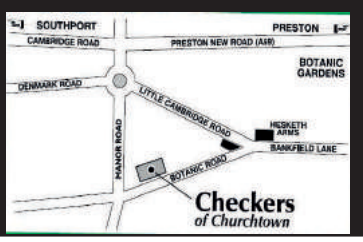

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If at first you don't' succeed...

Trevor finally gets his books of stories for children published after more than 40 years!

Report by **Henry James**

THE old adage 'if at first you don't succeed, try, try again' is one that certainly applies to pensioner Trevor Headley.

For the 81-year-old, who lives in Ormskirk, has finally succeeded in getting his books of stories for children published after more than 40 years and numerous rejection letters.

Trevor, who is an estimator by trade, first created the tales about a woodland pan seller called Bumbleboots, as bedtime stories for his own children, Lynn and Duncan, now aged 54 and 52 respectively.

As the tales seemed to go down well with the siblings Trevor thought they might be enjoyed by other youngsters and was inspired to seek out a publisher - but with little success.

He said: "It has taken me more than 40 years to get these books published and I had many rejection letters during that time.

"I wrote the books when my son and daughter were very young and read the stories to them before they went to bed."

Trevor Headley with his books

Trevor finally had his first book, entitled *Bumbleboots The Journey*, published in January this year but felt the pricing strategy was all wrong.

"I told the publisher the price placed on it was too high."

Switch

Now though he is hoping for better things after deciding to switch to a self-publishing site.

"After my experience with the first story I decided to put my next books on the FeedARead site which publishes for free."

The follow-up titles are *Bumbleboots at Home*, in which the eponymous hero goes to the rescue when a child in the village goes missing and falls down a well; and *A Fire and A New Friend* - a combination of two books which sees Bumbleboots guide animals to safety from a blaze in the woodland near his home and finding a new friend in the village.

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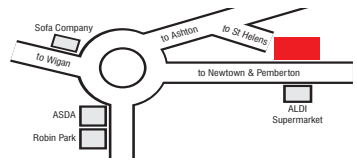

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We definitely need more housing and business - but don't take too much of our Green Belt

RE: 'Council 30-year vision for borough' (Champion, September 5)and the proposed 8,572 new houses and 150 hectares new land for employment in Skelmersdale.

I love our farm land and fabulous woods to walk. I grew up here and I don't think any party could get this right because whilst I'm sure many other people love these areas too, somebody has to act.

We all want new housing/trade in this town but it has to go somewhere. For too long it has been an issue but no one wants to deal with it.

As regards Edge Hill I do think we need to look more towards a bigger student campus and landlords not charging greedy rents. This would free up many houses.

Also, student ratio has fallen in Edge Hill and many universities because people are looking more to apprenticeships and saying the costs of uni are too high because even for those with good jobs it's a long time before you can earn good amounts due to paying up to £50,000 back.

Many uni students are actually renters because they can't afford a mortgage until they're too old to get one!

I say, look at all the big businesses that carry on surviving. They are the ones that don't ignore criticism but change to suit it - e.g. the McDonald's vegan burger due out and low-calorie options. Whilst I'm not a fan I can accept that they have responded to criticism and get a lot of money for this.

We need councils that can do the same. Housing and business is definitely needed and, who knows, when a town brings in more income then your house prices may rise too.

I hope that too much Green Belt isn't taken and we certainly want a lot better transport networks too but I'm pleased the council has taken into account what people have said and made a plan to roll the ball forward and improve what we have.

Better this than using the land for fracking and ignoring the problems. I accept that I am no expert on building plans and could read this wrongly but I'm definitely sick of councils ignoring the issues (we want more housing but where does it go?).

I would like to also add that we have a lot of farm land but farmers earning very little as we import from countries that can produce a far lower contract due to child labour and badly paid staff.

We do need to look forward, perhaps after Brexit, at having far more farming industry in this country so I don't want too much land taken.

Janet Ingman, by email.

PICTURE of the week

Frisbee flyers work up an appetite before tucking into a barbecue followed by more fun and games at the start of last weekend's 'Bless Fest' event held in Coronation Park by members of Aughton Christ Church. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

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Data seems to show speed not a major factor in County Road accident toll

FOLLOWING my letter of August 29 calling for information before deciding on County Road action Lancashire County Council have responded and you can see for yourselves the incidents on this road going back to 2013.

See 'mario.lancashire.gov.uk/agsmario/' click on Highways and Transportation link on left then zoom to the area required just below the red line at the top of map. Then activate the collision layer. Then click on the icon on right of the collision layer name and then on individual collisions as supplied by the police.

Data extraction for the stretch from Five Ways to Burscough Street, shows there were 46 accidents, 84% causing slight injuries; two serious and three motorcycle fatalities.

46% of the accidents were at Five Ways and 15% at Yew Tree Road junction.

From the details it appears that speed was not a contributing factor - but 'jumping the red' was a component part.

Five Ways is a badly designed junction so little wonder about its history, whilst Yew Tree Road is difficult to exit due to poor visibility.

An over-riding factor seems that speed is not a particular cause and from my observations most traffic seems to travel at around 30mph - or less - anyway.

So there are measures that can be undertaken and whilst I have my own ideas, I do not intend to voice suggestions here.

There are supposed to be experts who can do this, but to date their ideas appear flawed. I certainly do not think it right that people who do not hold a driving licence should seek to influence matters though.

I leave you with a thought. Should cup holders in vehicles be banned?

Martin Pagett, by email

£3 for four minutes 'parking' at hospital? Something's going wrong somewhere!

IT really is time that something was done about the parking costs at Ormskirk Hospital!

After attending an appointment there, I waited in line for more than five minutes to get my ticket authorised to allow me off the car park.

By the time I reached the front of the queue, it told me that I had been parked for 24 minutes.

Now, bearing in mind that the first 20 minutes are free and I had waited over five minutes in the queue, I had to pay £3 for the four minutes that I had gone over the allocated 20 minutes.

However, when attending the Thomas Linacre Centre in Wigan, it costs £1.70, paid in advance and if the clinic is running late and you go over your time, no extra charges are made.

What is the difference?

Something is going wrong somewhere and it is time that somebody did something about it.

£3 for four minutes? God help anybody that is there for a number of hours due to their or a loved one's ill health!

B. Cunliffe, Skelmersdale.

It's time to penalise smokers who light up in no-smoking areas

AT the Concourse bus shelter there is a smoking area and a no-smoking area. I sit and wait at the no-smoking area to wait for my bus.

People very often light up cigarettes near me. I have to keep asking them not to smoke in the no-smoking area and very often they refuse or ignore me.

It is unfair as I am disabled and can only stand on one foot.

Why should I stand in pain so that they can sit down and smoke?

Bigger signs need to go up with a possible penalty charge for smoking in the wrong place.

Why can the security officers not include this area on their patrols and have CCTV cameras monitoring it?

Stephen Meads, by email.

Show some respect and clean up after your dog!

PLEASE could you print this letter to all dog walkers using Halsall Park in Ormskirk.

There is a bin in the park for disposing of dog muck, please use it and do not, as many of you do, leave your dog muck on the ground.

This has a been an issue for a long time but today dog muck has been left in the children's playground.

As well as being disgusting, this is also a dangerous health hazard for children.

Having a dog is a responsibility and this responsibility includes cleaning up after them.

Have some respect and consideration for other local residents using the park and clean up after your dogs.

Daniel, by email.

Searching for former Red Lion colleagues

I AM trying to trace any ex-employees of the Red Lion in Scarisbrick.

I understand it closed in 2011, I just wondered why and if any of my ex colleagues from the mid-1970s were still around and if they knew who went where? I returned there a few years ago and saw it was an Indian restaurant.

I was a lowly commis chef named Ricky Turnbull.

If anyone can help they can contact me by email at rickt1812@icloud.com.

Ricky Turnbull, by email.

Launch of support hub for county's members of armed forces

A NEW Lancashire Armed Forces Hub has been created aimed at supporting councils, charities and other organisations in the county serving members of the armed forces community.

The hub - to be officially launched at an event at County Hall, Preston today (Wednesday, September 12) - will offer help with job opportunities, health and housing services, employment, education and training, in addition to support for welfare concerns.

It will also encourage organisations to be more 'forces-friendly' by adopting ideas such as a common housing policy for veterans struggling to find accommodation, and working with local GP surgeries to highlight the specific needs of the armed forces.

The hub has been set up with the aid of more than £150,000 in government funding and the search is on for an experienced manager to take charge of the new service and help to increase delivery of public support to veterans, serving personnel, and their families.

The project is the result of a partnership involving Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), Lancashire County Council and the Army HQ North West based at Fulwood Barracks in Preston.

Based at the College for Military Veterans and Emergency Services at UCLan, the hub will focus on helping the 15 councils in Lancashire to deliver their Armed Forces Covenant - a public pledge of support signed by every council in the UK to make it easier for veterans and those who serve to get public help.

County Councillor Alf Clempson, the county council's champion for veterans and the armed forces and a former Scots Guardsman with 24 years' service, said: "I know from my own experience, that it's not always easy for service leavers to return to civilian life. I believe passionately that we have a duty to all who have served to ensure their transition to civilian life is as seamless as possible.

"For most, the skills and experience they have gained during military service makes them extremely attractive to future employers. However at the same time, the public sector sometimes struggles to understand the needs of the armed forces community. Veterans can often have specific needs and requirements, which require a different approach.

"This new resource will pull together all of the good work done by so many organisations in Lancashire so that veterans and serving personnel and their families will always know where to go to get help.

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Mayors join forces to push 'Crossrail for North' Project

Report by **Tom Martin**

THE Metro Mayor of Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram, and Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, have joined forces to push for a 'Crossrail for the North' to benefit all rail users in the region.

Their call to central government came as the pair headed to Newcastle for the inaugural Convention of the North - with the message 'it's time to make Crossrail for the North a reality.'

The so-called Northern Powerhouse Rail project was one of the topics for discussion when business and elected leaders met in the north east.

Ahead of the convention, Mr Rotheram, said: "The UK is the most politically centralised and economically inbalanced country in the western world. Northern leaders coming together through the Convention of the North give us a powerful voice with which to make the argument for more powers and funding to achieve our economic potential.

Priorities

"Mayor Anderson and I will be vigorously lobbying Government to commit to supporting the whole of the Northern Powerhouse Rail project, including a twin-track rail link from Liverpool to Manchester, linking into HS2, as well as a brand new station in Liverpool City Centre."

Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson said: "Increased investment in transport infrastructure is one of the top priorities for our city and it's vital that central government commit to delivering Northern Powerhouse Rail in its entirety, starting with a new rail link between Liverpool and Manchester."

Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson and *(right)* Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram

"Northern Powerhouse Rail would hugely improve connectivity across the North, expanding freight and passenger capacity, as well as cutting journey times, which will boost not just our economy but that of the whole of the North of England." Some 200 employers, community leaders, cultural groups and unions joined with council leaders and metro mayors at the Convention of the North to set out how they can work with Government on the challenges and opportunities facing the region, and what the North needs to be able to best support the UK economy.

Their debates included the next steps needed to keep momentum building on the devolution agenda, as well as how the North can take a bigger role in ensuring local interests are able to shape the skills agenda.

Also on the agenda was the impact of Brexit on the North and the regional economic considerations which will need to be factored in to government planning.

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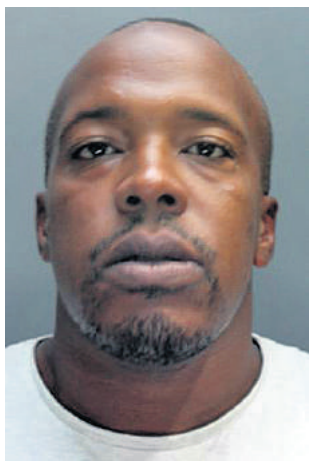

Tony Turner

Michael Comiskey

A STREET drugs dealer from West Lancashire who was stopped by police in Southport while being driven around, was found to have hidden wraps of cocaine in a Kinder egg up his backside.

Tony Turner, the front seat passenger in a silver Nissan Almera, had been arrested after police found a wrap of cocaine in the central console, an empty wrap at his feet and another wrap in his hand.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that it was "later found he had Kinder egg concealed in his anus. It contained nine wraps and a dealer's list."

A phone belonging to him was "ringing constantly and receiving text messages", said Ken Grant, prosecuting.

Serious

Turner, 41, of Turning Lane, Scarisbrick, pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine with intent to supply and was jailed for 32 months.

The driver, Michael Comiskey, 56, of Sefton Street, Southport, denied the same offence, claiming he was unaware of the drugs, but was convicted by a jury after a trial.

The judge, Recorder Stan Reiz, jailed him for four years and banned him from driving for two-and-a-half years after he admitted driving without insurance.

Recorder Reiz said that although the value of the four grammes of cocaine was under £400 they were involved in street dealing.

He said that although Turner, who has 26 previous convictions, had kept out of trouble for eight years after finding employment and stability in a relationship, he had then committed this offence, the most serious now on his record.

The judge told Comiskey, who has 15 previous convictions: "You were in the Royal Marines and found it difficult to adapt to civilian living. But that was many years ago and that cannot excuse or mitigate this serious offence."

He told the two men: "You were in it together. Tony Turner you had possession of the drugs, had a telephone and dealer's list ready to supply customers with cocaine. You Comiskey were driving him around."

Mr Grant had told the court that the vehicle was spotted by police about 1am on August 19 last year after it went through an amber traffic light on Lord Street, Southport at the junction with Nevill Street. They followed it and stopped it in Market Street.

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High expectations for new academy

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The new Burscough Priory Academy launched on September 1.

EXPECTATIONS are high that a failed secondary school will make a "rapid and sustainable turn-around" after being relaunched as an academy, says its new executive headteacher.

The former Burscough Priory Science College was placed in special measures following a highly critical Ofsted report in November of last year which labelled it as inadequate.

The Regional Schools Commissioner subsequently ordered that the school convert into an academy once a sponsor had been found.

Endeavour Learning Trust, which manages Tarleton Academy and Welllfield High School in Leyland, has now taken on the role of sponsor and the Burscough school officially became an academy on Saturday, September 1.

Lesley Gwinnett, executive headteacher of the three schools, says she is very positive about the outlook for the new academy based upon the success of the other two. She said Tarleton Academy has been turned around from being a "coasting school" to one of Lancashire's most high achieving.

Excited

Mrs Gwinnett says that the Burscough school has undergone a significant amount of change from when it received the Ofsted report, including the hiring of a wave of new teachers having retained the "strong ones."

"Expectations are higher, there are clear boundaries and the students have responded very positively. There are now more structures and systems in place so that everyone is a lot more clear what their role is, including the students ."

Mrs Gwinnet explained that the school is currently recruiting a head of school while she will retain strategic lead. She added: "It really does feel like that there is a genuine buzz around the school. We are really excited. Using the experience that we have from the other two schools we are really optimistic about a rapid and very sustainable turn-around."

Meanwhile, Lancashire County Council education chiefs say they will continue to support Burscough Priory in the days ahead.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "School leaders, governors and the Endeavour Learning Trust are working together addressing the issues identified in the latest Ofsted inspection.

"A long-term improvement action plan has been developed to ensure that effective and rapid progress is made in all the areas where the school can do better.

"The county council will continue to work closely and we will do all we can to help the school to meet the challenge. Our continued role is to support Burscough Priory Academy to deliver an excellent education for its students, regardless of whether it is a maintained school or an academy.

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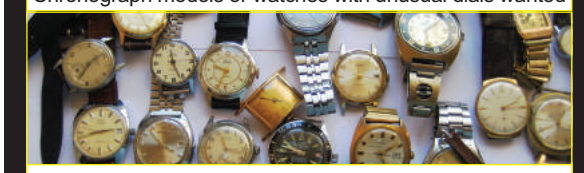

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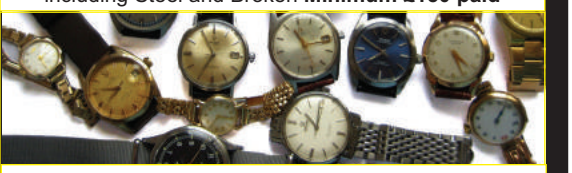

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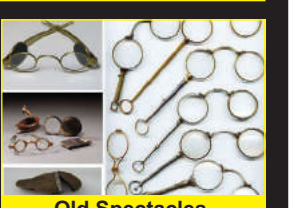

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Village rock group scores a 'hit' Down Under!

A QUIRKY new group has sprung up in Tarleton . . . rock-hunting!

Victoria Duckworth was inspired to take up the hobby after reading about it in the news and set up the community group 'Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Rocks' on social media site Facebook.

Rocks, or pebbles, are painted by the members who then leave them around to be picked up and 're-hidden'.

Since the group started members have seen photos of them as far away as Australia!

Victoria said: "The rock-hunting craze has grown in popularity and I set up a Tarleton Rocks Facebook page for our local villages to join in.

"The essence of the activity is that you obtain a rock, stone or pebble and paint it in a design of your choice ensuring it is weather-proof.

"Then you write your rock group's Facebook page on the back and go out and about to hide it.

"When someone finds it they post onto the Facebook group to say where it was found and whether it's been re-hidden somewhere else. "It's great to see your rock travelling around and bringing joy to the people - usually children - who find it!

"In recent weeks we've seen rocks that local people have painted turn up on top of Mount Snowdon and also in Australia!"

Josh Gordon in his organic and natural food-based shop and eatery.

Josh takes a fresh approach to healthy eating!

WHAT is believed to be Ormskirk's first wholly natural and organic foods supermarket and cafe has opened in the town centre.

The man behind the operation, fruit broker Josh Gordon from Maghull, became a vegetarian himself a year ago and claims that there is a need for healthier eating options, as demonstrated by the current high levels of obesity in society.

Chia Chia, located on Aughton Street, is an independent natural and organic whole foods supermarket and plant-based vegetarian cafe, in one location.

It supplies a range of natural and organic, vegan, gluten-free and dairy-free plant-based groceries, vegetables and household goods.

And 31-year-old Josh believes his combined store eatery is unique to the area and says that the organic vegetables are all sourced locally and certified.

He said: "I think this is good for Ormskirk as it gives people somewhere to eat fresh, non-fattening, plant-based veggie meals and it supports the local farmers and producers. This all helps independent business and the local community."

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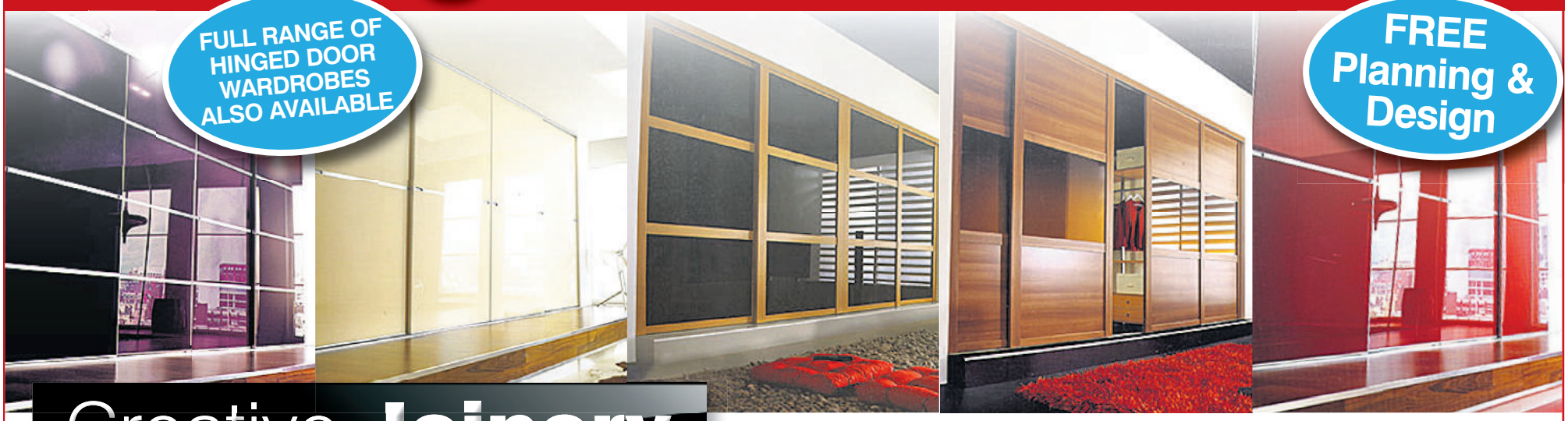

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Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw with Craig Veevers, whose farm supplies the hay and haylage for the horses at Lancashire Constabulary Mounted Division.

Police chief says force's spending is up by 10% and local economy is benefiting

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw has said the amount of money spent by Lancashire Constabulary in the county has increased by more than 10% in the last year to almost £36m, since his Social Value Policy was brought in 12 months ago, benefiting the local economy.

Almost 57% of all money spent through the procurement process was spent in Lancashire, an increase of 11%, while the local spend in the North West region is up from 60% in 2016/17 to 71% in 2017/18.

The Social Value Policy was brought in by the commissioner's office, with support from Lancashire Constabulary, to ensure that all procurement and commissioning activity "maximises social, economic and environmental benefit while also delivering value for money."

Much of this increase is due to the building of the new West Division Headquarters, which has seen businesses in Lancashire involved in the project, creating jobs and apprenticeships in the local area.

However, the commissioner says the policy has an impact on all contracts of a range of value, ensuring that the procurement process takes into account elements of social value such as location, whether an organisation pays the real Living Wage and whether the contract will create or sustain jobs and apprenticeships in the county.

Mr Grunshaw, said: "This is real evidence of the positive impact that my Social Value Policy is having, maximising benefit for Lancashire wherever we invest or procure goods and services whilst delivering the best possible value.

"Creating safe and confident communities is one of the priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and investing responsibly is a key part of that.

"From the West Division Headquarters new build through all of our procurement at every value, I'm really pleased that my office and Lancashire Constabulary are playing such a key role, providing opportunities for local people."

Craig Veevers, whose farm supplies the hay and haylage for the horses at Lancashire Constabulary Mounted Division, said: "I'm really proud to have this contract with Lancashire Constabulary, as a local business based just a couple of miles away. Focusing on locally-produced goods where possible is a great thing for the community and it seems to work really well for us both."

Lord Derby joins Lathom Park Trust group for talk on Tudors

LORD Derby joined with 50 others at Lathom Park Chapel to hear Tudor expert Nathen Amin give a talk based on his book, *The House of Beaufort*.

Nathen has appeared on several TV history programmes and is an authority on both the Wars of The Roses and the Tudors. The Beauforts were the forbears to the Tudor dynasty.

Lord Derby, whose home is Knowsley Hall, has a personal interest in the subject matter as his ancestor, Lord Thomas Stanley, First Earl of Derby, was a step-father to the first of the Tudor monarchs Henry VII (crowned 1485).

Dot Broady-Hawkes, secretary of Lathom Park Trust, said: "Our chairman Paul Kenyon introduced Lord Derby and the talk proved most interesting and showed the deep connection that Lathom and Knowsley have with the Beauforts."

Proceeds from the event will be shared between the Lathom Park Trust charity and Lathom Park Chapel.

Right: Tudor expert Nathen Amin presents Lord Derby with a signed copy of his book watched by Lathom Park Trust trustees and officials.

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Mock-up of new Merseyrail trains soon to go on view

Report by **Henry James**

Above: The new trains have been designed to have more spacious compartments. Right: The exterior of one of the new trains.

MERSEYRAIL'S new fleet of trains will start running in 2020 with the promise of quicker journey times, and improved accessibility for the disabled and a replica mock-up of one of the units will be placed outside Liverpool Lime Street station throughout November.

The company say a major reason the new fleet is needed is growing demand on the network.

David Powell, the programme director at Merseytravel for the new trains explained: "The existing trains won't be able to carry all the passengers. Some of the existing rolling stock will be having a 40th birthday party later this year, they perform well but it gets harder as the years go by."

Mr Powell added that boarding the new trains "will be a very different experience."

Once the doors open a step slids out from beneath the door and eliminates the gap between the carriage and the platform. Work is to start in October to make sure all platforms on the network are at the same height.

A flashing light turns green when it is safe to get on the train.

According to Mr Powell, they asked the train designers, Stadler, to provide a "light, bright, open and airy space" and he is confident that this has been achieved.

The new carriages are more spacious and an eight car new train will be able to hold 900 people.

Mr Powell said: "We will be able to fit more passengers inside the new carriages, but I don't think we have turned it into a cattle truck."

The driver will be able to see the CCTV cameras, and the control room will be able to see them as well.

The new trains will also cut journey times.

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Passengers can also see right down the train and there are no doors between carriages. They will be user friendly for wheelchair users and mobility scooter users will also be catered for.

The carriages, which have big windows, are air conditioned and provide plug sockets to allow people to charge their mobile phones. The mock up train also has a driver compartment.

Andy Heath, managing director at Merseyrail explained how the driver will operate the doors: "Above all the doors are CCTV cameras which pass pictures to screens in the driver's compartment. When the driver closes the doors, they have to come together. If there is anything in the gap, the doors will not close.

The driver can not release the brakes of the train until all the doors are closed. These monitors stay on until the train has reached speeds of about 10mph."

The new service will also see battery operation being trialled.

This could mean the new network could expand beyond the third electric rail to include places such as Skelmersdale.

Charity set to hold party to mark Older People's Day

AGE UK Lancashire is set to host an afternoon tea party for West Lancashire senior citizens to celebrate Older People's Day on Monday, October 1.

The event will be staged at the charity's premises at the Wellbeing Centre in Moorgate, Ormskirk from 2 to 4pm.

Refreshments and entertainment will be provided and there will also be an opportunity to garner information about local services for older people.

Tickets for the day are £2.50 but places are limited so must be booked in advance. This can be done by email to abradshaw@ageuklancs.org.uk; online at www.ageuklancs.org.uk; or by ringing 01695 586507.

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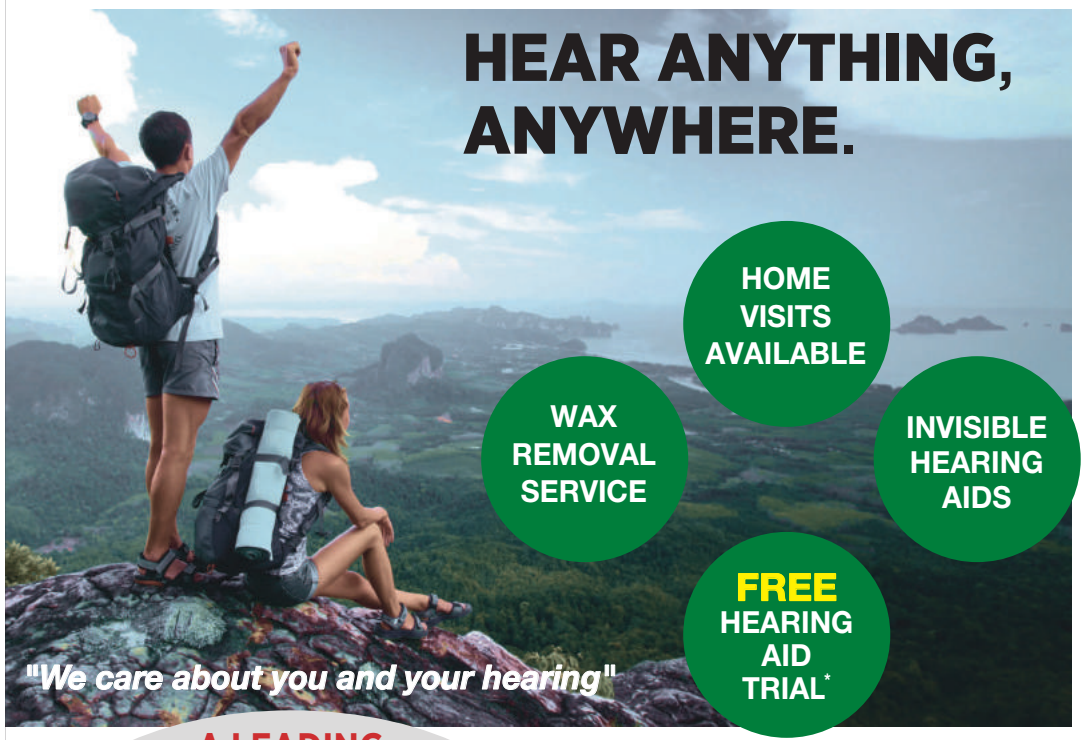

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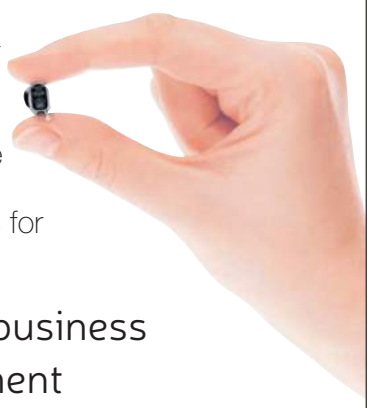

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Legal eagle Alex celebrates 25-year milestone

COLLEAGUES at a West Lancashire law firm held a special presentation to mark a milestone anniversary for a fellow legal eagle.

Senior partner Alexandra Kenyon has clocked up 25 years of practicing with Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors in Ormskirk.

The 47-year-old mum-of-two joined the Derby Street practice straight after qualifying at the University of Law in Chester.

Outside of work Alexandra is an avid scuba diver and qualified British Sub-Aqua Club instructor who prefers diving in warmer climes.

Fellow partner, Michael Prendergast, said: "To be able to say you have practiced at one firm in one area of law for the last 25 years is a remarkable achievement and it's testament to the hard work, dedication and professionalism that Alex has always shown in her role as a solicitor and as the firm's senior partner. Everyone at Dickinson Parker Hill congratulates her on reaching this milestone."

Colleagues present Alexandra Kenyon with a cake to celebrate her 25 years with Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors.

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We can still stop **Brexit**. We can stay in the E.U. Article 50 is a short document which the U.K signed to intend to leave. We could easily decide to scrap it.

The **2016 Referendum** is not legally binding. And the Leave campaign broke the spending limits. The courts might reverse the result. Philip Hammond, top Economics Minister, says that if we leave the Union without a deal, there would be a **£80 billion pound gap** in the Budget.

There would be **customs barriers** between the U.K. and Europe. All traffic would be slow. Northern Ireland would suffer the worst.

The value of **the pound** would continue to fall and all imports would be much more expensive.

The **shock** of leaving the E.U. could last for seventy or eighty years. The European Union is far from perfect but we could try to **change** it from the inside.

We would be **alone in the world**. Trump's U.S.A. and the Commonwealth would not come to our rescue.

We need immigrants from Europe : care workers, plumbers, doctors, nurses, builders, musicians and farm workers. Some are already leaving.

Two million British people work in Europe and millions of Europeans work in Britain. They're all worried about the effects of Brexit. Some people want a second referendum. But powerful and wealthy forces, foreign as well as British, would use all their dirty tricks to fix it.

Young people would suffer the most from Brexit. We should be glad that more than two million youngsters have recently registered to vote. Thanks to the E.U., we can settle our **disputes** through the European courts. We all enjoy better **civil rights**.

A large majority of **Scottish people** voted to stay. They could decide to split from Britain and join the E.U The **end** of the United Kingdom.

We are Europeans. Our history and culture are closely linked to our neighbours. And English is a common language everywhere in Europe.

It's not too late. Together we can stop Brexit.

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Happy holiday ending - despite my 'false start'!

YES, I know, each time I return from a cruise on the Broads, as I have recently done, I have to apologise for the non-appearance of the previous week's *Dog* column. As indeed I do again now.

Usually I confess to this being entirely my fault because for whatever reason I came home days later than originally planned and therefore missed the copy date. This time though the absence of my deathless prose was firmly down to technical difficulties with my lap top.

Basically I had prepared *Dogs* for the first two of my weeks of absence and sat down on the eve of my departure to think up a third to cover in the likely event that I would stay an extra day or three - only to find that the damned thing would not turn on.

I spent the best part of two hours trying and re-trying to get it going - and another 15 minutes in the morning - to no avail. The really daft part though is that no sooner had I returned home than it immediately burst into life once more. And hence I am writing this now before the stupid electronic wizardry decides to go on strike again.

Actually, I had a jolly good hols, the only fly in the ointment occurring on just the fourth morning when for the first time in its 34-year history with me, my cruiser *Manxman* refused to start. Bad enough in any case, but particularly galling since I needed to get going in order to attend a Wooden Cruisers rally 20-odd miles distant.

Happily I decided to join a boat rescue scheme (rather like the AA or RAC) just last year. Within two hours two men had struggled partly across cart tracks to bring and fit a new starter battery. And it was little comfort to be proved right having told all kinds of folk that the boat required a new one of those only to be talked out of it by a 'sparks' who reckoned there was bags of life left in it!

Otherwise though everything worked as it should, I met several old friends and made a couple of new ones. We also discovered two new overnight moorings (yes, even after so many years) and at one Tina found a secluded beach, complete with sand, where she delighted in splashing like a child in the shallow water and wading out till it was up to her tummy. Cinders meanwhile blew out the cobwebs by racing up, down and around the mown field leading down to the river at a quite amazing speed.

You know, I really do not think I will ever tire of the waterways of Norfolk.

As an aside, bearing in mind my obsession with the perception of time and distance, I realised how you appear to get much further in the southern as opposed to the northern rivers. Actually, you DO get further - but not really by much.

The difference is explained by the fact that while 'up north' virtually all the rivers carry a 5mph or less limit, in the south you can race along at a heady 6mph (and with the tide this is often exceeded) which means you get further, quicker.

What actually happens generally is that you get where you're going earlier and gain the impression that you have travelled further than you have. You probably do clock up more miles, but not by as much as it seems.

Now I'm making my head hurt again.

Here's a question for you. I was having a casual chat with a bloke and he said: "Anyway, you've got a really good suntan" and then added: "Unless you're an Indian of course."

I wasn't certain at the time, and I'm not certain now - was this chap being politically incorrect? Was he being racist? Or was he just making an innocent remark?

I can't say I was offended. And I don't think a genuine Indian would have been. But what about a casual busybody earwigging nearby?

Whatever, I don't think it'll spoil my holiday memories.

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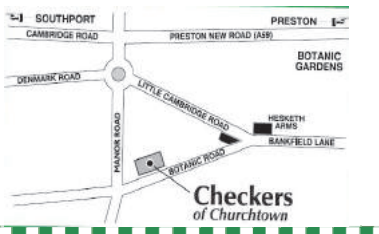

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Club members Richard Webb and Michael Clayton-Brown and Sensei Mark Warren and Sensei Russell Nelson, travelled to Paisley in Scotland for the grading sessions where they joined hopefuls from the international community to be trained and assessed by masters Sensei Masao Kawasoe and guest instructor Sensei Katsutoshi Shiina, who flew in especially from Tokyo to assist at the three-day course.

All four were successful, winning their second and fifth dan black belts respectively.

And the club, which meets at Ormskirk School in Wigan Road, has also enjoyed grading success closer to home with several of its newest members successfully gaining their next kyu grades (grades achieved before becoming a black belt).

Earlier in the year, members of the club also won medals at the England Shotokan Championships in Windsor.

Meanwhile the club is seeking to expand and always welcomes newcomers wishing to try karate. For more details visit www.ormskirk-karate.co.uk.

Members of Ormskirk Shotokan Karate Club at the grading event in Paisley. From left to right: Sensei Russell Nelson, Andrew Durney, Sensei Kawasoe Masao, Sensei John Errington, Richard Webb, Michael Clayton-Brown, and Sensei Mark Warren.

On your bikes . . .

Workers urged to sign up to Cycle September challenge

WORKERS throughout Lancashire are expected to 'get on their bikes' this month as part of a fun challenge to see which workplaces in the county can get more of their employees cycling.

More than 55 businesses across the county have already signed up to Cycle September, an initiative to encourage more people to discover the convenience and health benefits of cycling.

County Councillor Keith Iddon.

The free scheme, run by cycling promotion company Love to Ride and supported by Lancashire County Council, is open throughout September, so there's still time to sign up.

The challenge ranks companies of all sizes in league tables, with prizes on offer for those which get the highest percentage of their staff to log a ride.

There are also lots of individual prizes up for grabs for riding and encouraging others - from holidays and bikes, to unique cycling gear.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Cycle September is a tried and tested way of encouraging more people to cycle and harnesses the enthusiasm of companies to ensure their staff stay healthy and motivated through exercise.

"It's open to everyone, from regular cyclists, to first-timers and people who have a bike but simply haven't ridden for a while.

"Besides the long-term benefits of making cycling part of your routine, the prizes on offer are a great incentive to sign up, and I'd encourage anyone who thinks they might be interested to find out more."

Participants only have to log a ride of 10 minutes or more to be entered in a prize draw and help their organisation climb the leaderboard. To register go to lovetoride.net/lancashire.

Archaeology society programme announced

THE West Lancashire Archaeological Society has announced its lecture programme for 2018 and 2019.

Talks will be held at New Church House, Ormskirk Parish Church, on the first Friday of each month from October until June inclusive, except January.

The first talk on Friday, October 5, by Dr Alan Williams from the University of Liverpool, is entitled Bronze Age copper bonanza? The Great Orme Copper Mine in North Wales.

Lectures start at 7.45pm and visitors are welcome. There is a charge of £3 per talk for non-members and the annual membership fee is £10 and £1 for students.

For more information visit the website at www.westlancsarchaeology.wordpress.com.

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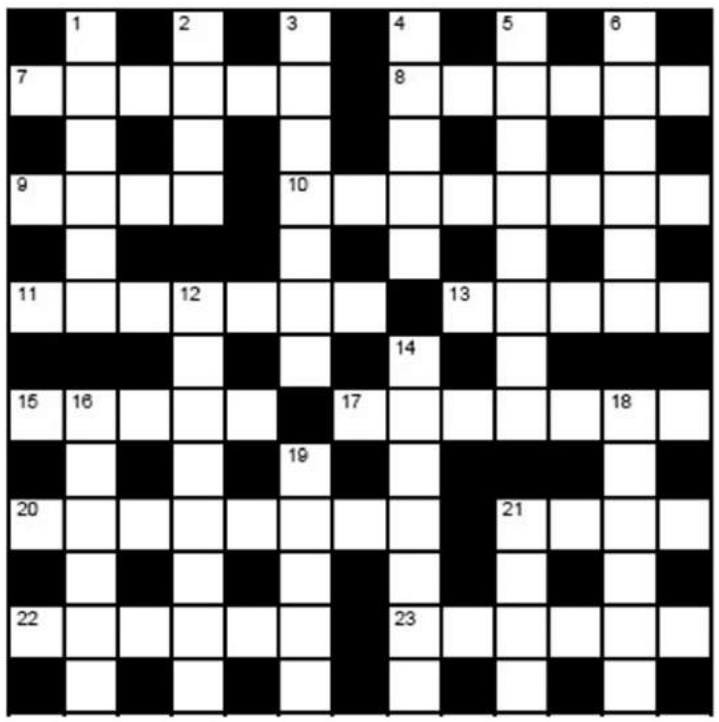

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Rarely. 8. Ardour. 9. Beau. 10. Immunise. 11. Foliage. 13. Lilac. 15. Strum. 16. Located. 18. Brighter. 19. Tame. 21. Farmer. 22. Apiary.

Down: 1. Fake. 2. Beautiful game. 3. Syringe. 4. Balmy. 5. Identical twin. 6. Sunshade. 12. Outbreak. 14. Doorman. 17. Stern. 20. Mars.

ACROSS

7. Without difficulty or effort (6)
8. A bullet or shell whose course is made visible in flight by a trail of flames or smoke (6)
9. Rubber covering placed round a wheel (4)
10. Person or thing vital to an enterprise or organisation (8)
11. Put into words (7)
13. Small airship or barrage balloon (5)
15. Something that can be heard; a noise (5)
17. (Of a person) well educated (7)
20. Existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden (8)
21. Walk with effort through water or another liquid (4)
22. Existing in fact; real (6)
23. Mixture of cereals, dried fruit, and nuts, typically eaten with milk at breakfast (6)

DOWN

1. Voice box (6)
2. Split or tear apart violently (4)
3. Bicycle rider (7)
4. Prevent from growing or developing properly (5)
5. Unmarried man (8)
6. Monotony; boredom (6)
12. Competitor or team taking second place in a contest (6, 2)
14. Blacken with ingrained dirt (7)
16. Used to specify the hour when telling the time (6)
18. The ultimate purpose, object, or conclusion (3-3)
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Samaritans want to 'work-together' to help prevent suicides

by **Danielle Thompson**

SAMARITANS in the area want to raise awareness of their organisation and what it is they do, to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

Members of the Southport and district branch of the Samaritans, which covers West Lancashire, are highlighting, in particular, the way they work with local groups in partnership to help prevent suicide.

Charlotte Walker from the branch said: "Our volunteers provide services at the heart of the community and this includes partnership working with the NHS, the police, schools, colleges and other public, private and voluntary sector organisations to make suicide prevention more effective.

"This includes joining up with Network Rail, train operators and British Transport Police to prevent suicides on the railways and to specific local partnerships such as volunteers attending hospital A&Es when people are treated for attempted suicide or self-harm.

"The Southport and district Samaritans have a strong relationship with Merseyrail, Network Rail and the British Transport Police and working together provides the public and staff with an awareness of suicide, the impact on those left behind and access to resources and support in the area.

The Samaritans are highlighting their work to prevent suicides.

"Samaritans across England are also linking up with the 250 members of National Suicide Prevention Alliance (NSPA) and supporters (which includes Samaritans, MIND, Rethink Mental Illness, STORM training and Network Rail) working to highlight partnerships.

"The message we wanted to get across for World Suicide Prevention Day, which was held last week, is that we all need to work together.

"Samaritans alone respond to more than five million calls for help a year - suicide needs to be talked about and we firmly believe it can be prevented. The more of us who work together, the more we can do."

And Jacqui Morrissey from Samaritans, who co-chairs the NSPA, added: "NSPA members working together are making suicide prevention more effective by using the expertise of partners and relevant organisations like the NHS and the police to reach as many people as possible and make suicide prevention everybody's business."

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Local author to talk at heritage group meeting

PRIZE-winning local author Carol Fenlon will give an illustrated talk at the next meeting of the Burscough Group on Monday, September 17 at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf.

Carol, from Skelmersdale, will talk about the influence of the local landscape on her novels, Mere and Consider The Lillies.

Published earlier this year, Mere centres on a farm built on land reclaimed from a drained mere and is described as 'a chilling novel set in rural Lancashire'; while Consider The Lilies, her debut novel, won the Impress Novel Prize in 2007.

Carol is also a keen local historian, having published Skelmersdale: A New town In The Making in June 2014; and an active member of several writing groups, including Edge Hill University's Narrative Research Group and Skelmersdale Writers' group.

The talk will start at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend for the price of a £2 donation to Burscough Heritage Group.

For more information contact Colin Wareing on 07931 356204.

Canal families remembered

THE FIRST meeting of the Maghull and Lydiate History Society's new season will take place on Monday September 17.

Starting at 7.30pm in Lydiate Village Centre, Bill Huyton will be talking about Canal Boat Families. All are welcome. Light refreshments are available.

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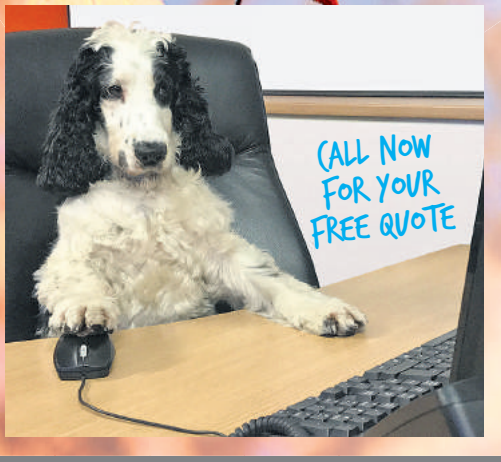

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Library hosts fun activities for kids

PARBOLD library will stage a series of activities for children in September..

On Thursday, September 13 between 4 and 5pm there is Book, Bath, Sleepover for children aged up to five years when you can take your child and their favourite toy along for stories and leave the toy for sleepover fun in the library.

And on Saturday, September 15 between 11.30am and 12.30pm there is Gloriumptious Dahl to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. when youngsters can listen to revolting rhymes, make a disgusting twit's beard, design their own chocolate wrapper and see if they can find the Golden Ticket! This is suitable for all ages and there is a charge of £1per child or £2 per family.

Finally on Thursday, September 20 between 10.30 and 11.30am there is Stories and Songs with Hilary and the Martin Mere puppets. This is suitable for youngsters up to five years.

Hotel visit proved to be a memorable stay in more ways than one!

Champion Travel Review by Danielle Thompson

Lancaster House Hotel Bailrigg

Above: Lancaster House Hotel. Right: Ashton Memorial

SET alongside Lancaster University, the four-star Lancaster House Hotel is situated just a short distance from the student campus and boasts stunning views of the surrounding countryside.

A girls' weekend (just me and my mum) was on the curriculum - no study books for us, at least not this time, although it did give me the chance to reminisce about my much-loved student days spent at Lancaster Uni.

On approach to the hotel, passing the university buildings, all those wonderful memories came flooding back.

Following check-in we made our way to a luxurious twin-bed suite complete with a rainforest shower, free-standing bath and thick towelling robes - a far cry from my humble student accommodation. There was even a separate lounge area with a sofa, coffee table and tea-making facilities.

The hotel restaurant, the Foodworks, looked appealing and so it proved when we ventured there for our evening meal. A varied menu was on offer with lots of local produce and perfectly cooked especially our delicious steak dishes. Student food this was not!

The hotel boasts a stunning spa and what better way to spend a girlie day than relaxing with a 'Body Booster' which included a back massage, all-over body scrub and unlimited use of their many varied facilities including two saunas, indoor and outdoor jacuzzi, pool, sunbeds and gym - simply perfect!

We even managed to squeeze in a water fitness class in the pool - much-needed after our hearty and wholesome tummy-bulging breakfast!

Lunch was taken in the hotel's Sandeman Bar which had a relaxed vibe and fitted perfectly with our spa day... a glass of Prosecco, tasty halloumi salads and divine desserts - what more could two girls ask for!

Late afternoon we went for a stroll around the university campus - I graduated in 2009 and parts of the campus have been invested in so heavily they are nigh-on unrecognisable from when I was there.

With Lancaster city centre just a 10 minute drive away, we decided to spend the rest of the day and evening exploring the shops, bars, restaurants and cafes as well as one of my favourite places, the stunning Ashton Memorial at Williamson Park.

Our mini-break was a perfect way to unwind and enjoy some 'us' time in a place that brought back so many happy times.

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All favourite characters are promised in Dad's Army show

A DAD'S Army tribute act is to perform at the Ormskirk Civic Hall (The Civic) and actor Andy Gaskell as Captain Mainwaring did the honourable thing for his unit by getting out and about in the town centre to let people know about it.

Don't Panic is a variety tribute show produced by Mawdesley based Andy Gaskell Entertainments based on the popular radio and TV show and will appear at the Southport Road venue on Thursday, September 13 at 7pm.

The two hour show (with half hour break) promises all the favourite characters, alight hearted sing-along to wartime era songs, and lots of laughs.

Tickets are £12 available from the Civic Hall or by phoning 07715 115710.

The show will also be performed at Southport's Atkinson Theatre next April 12. Tickets for that show are available from the the theatre's website www.theatkinson.co.uk.

Captain Mainwaring (aka Andy Gaskell) who will be on parade at The Civic to present a vintage Home Guard comedy show Don't Panic.

SDC open new season

SOUTHPORT Dramatic Club open their new season with Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's comedy, A Bunch of Amateurs directed by Stephen Hughes-Alty.

Anxious to revive his flagging career, egotistical Hollywood star, Jefferson Steele, accepts an offer to come to England to play King Lear at Stratford. Unfortunately, when he arrives on these shores he finds that the venue is not the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford upon Avon but an amateur company at Stratford St. Maty, a little village in Suffolk. Furthermore, the company is on its last legs and this could be the show to save it.

A hilarious show, which was a successful film in 2008 with the late Burt Reynolds in the star role, A Bunch of Amateurs opens at the Little Theatre, Southport from Friday, Sept 21 until Sept 29. Call 01704 530521/530460.

Pirates on Dock event is returning this weekend with a bang to city

PIRATES on the Dock, returns with a bang to Royal Albert Dock Liverpool on September 15 and 16 - and it's all hands on deck for the most explosive one yet!

This year's epic event will see the triumphant return of the stunning two mast brig Phoenix - made famous for her appearance in hit BBC TV shows Poldark and Doctor Who.

She will form the centrepiece of a dramatic live cannon battle under sail in the Dock, pitting the baddies against the Phoenix crew and their precious cargo, Megan - The Queen of the Mersey Mermaid. Will she be made to walk the plank and meet her fate in Davy Jones's locker?

The Mermaid Parade is also back, and visitors are encouraged to dress up in their best pirate and mermaid costumes to impress the beautiful Megan as she makes her regal procession around Royal Albert Dock Liverpool.

Throughout both days Pirates on the Dock will also feature the pounding beats of Mersey Batala, the jaw-dropping manoeuvres of the Acro Jugglers, and the hilarious Aargh Pirate on Segway - which needs to be seen to be believed! Little ones will also witness the clash of metal during the Pirate Combat Show, Mr Smee's Children Show straight out of J.M Barrie's classic play, Peter Pan, pirate boat tours, storytime, live pirate and pop music, pirate treasure hunt and more.

Merseyside Maritime Museum will be celebrating with a weekend of free pirate-themed fun including stories, face painting, pirate crafts and live music (1-4pm). Sponsor for this year's Pirates on the Dock, John West, the UK's leading canned fish brand with over 160 years of history, will also be on hand to make sure families can enjoy a special John West treasure hunt around the Dock.

Also new for 2018 - Dock restaurant, Gusto, will be inviting families to join them on the Sunday to enjoy breakfast with a pirate. From 9am-11.45am the venue will be taken over by a troop of unruly swashbucklers who will be roaming around the restaurant and treating paying brunch guests to a memorable dining experience. Pre-booking is essential for this event.

Clare Rawlinson, marketing manager, Royal Albert Dock Liverpool, said: "We are very excited to announce the full programme for this year's Pirates on the Dock. It is one of our most popular events here at the Dock and a firm favourite among our family audience, both landlubbers and old salts alike!"

The programme at a glance (all activity takes place on both days of the event):

- **Acro Jugglers Show - Anchor Courtyard (2-3pm) and Martin Luther King Jnr Building (4-5pm)**
- **Aargh Pirate on Segway - Salthouse Quay and Martin Luther King Jnr Building (11.30am), and Hartley Quay and Stage (1pm)**
- **Batala Mersey drummers - Martin Luther King Jnr Building (11.45am), inner Royal Albert Dock Liverpool quay (2.15pm) and Car Park A (4pm)**
- **Pirate Combat Show - Martin Luther King Jnr Building (1.30am)**
- **Storytelling - Hartley Quay and Stage (12 noon and 3.45pm)**
- **Mermaid Parade - Hartley Quay and Stage (12.30pm)**
- **Mr Smee's Children's Show - Hartley Quay and Stage (4pm)**
- **Pop and pirate music - France Hayhurst tugboat (4.30pm), and Car Park A (11am, 3.30pm and 5.15pm)**
- **Pirate Battle - inner Royal Albert Dock Liverpool quay (2.30pm)**

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Photography exhibition on display at Atkinson

SOUTHPORT: Double Take (Old Southport Through a Modern Lens) has opened at the Galleries at The Atkinson.

Matt Dodd began his project by researching archival imagery on Sefton Council's Digital Archive, which holds a large collection of photographs and documents portraying aspects of life in Sefton across the centuries.

He also worked with early glass negatives that were rediscovered when the Botanic Gardens museum relocated to The Atkinson in 2013.

The Historical images Matt chose range from the early 1800's to the late 1920's and span Ainsdale, Birkdale, Southport and Crossens.

By using windows, roads and rooftops as guidelines, Matt painstakingly re-photographs areas such as Lord Street, the Promenade and Ainsdale Lido.

Many areas in Southport have stood the test of time and these new photo-montages aim to allow viewers to reflect on the past.

This historical reflection also inspires a fond nostalgia for areas in Southport which no longer exist, such as the outdoor swimming baths, Peter Pan's Playground and The Aquarium (formally Mary Willet's Day Nursery).

The exhibition at The Atkinson features a collection of 40 blended photographs.

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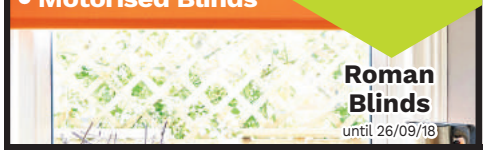

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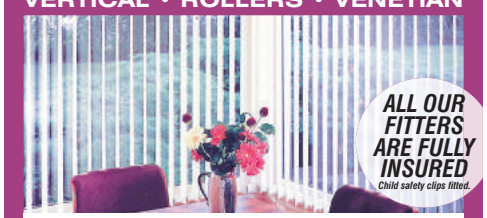

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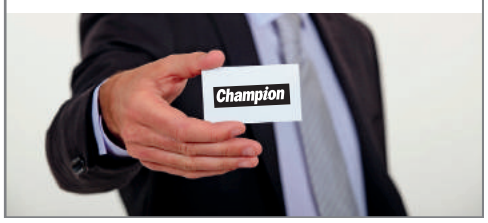

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Love Gavin, Lilian, Patrick and Caitlin
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DEATHS

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(RICKY)

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Aged 63 years of Ormskirk.

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DEATHS

RILEY
JOHN LONEN

passed away peacefully at home with his family
aged 80
on 7th September 2018

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7th September 2018
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5th September 2018
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Aged 87
Of Tarleton

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Of Skelmersdale

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Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 14th September 2018 at 10:00am. Family flowers only please donations if desired for MacMillan Cancer Support.
Family request that no black is to be worn.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
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BELL MARGARET

3rd September 2018
Aged 81 years

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Aged 85 years

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LAING JEAN (Jeanette) (Nee Bailey)

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Funeral Service will take place at Burscough Methodist Church on Friday 21st September 2018 at 10.45am, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.
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BIMPSON HAROLD

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MATTHEWS SHEILA 'SHE'

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Tracey, Julie, Cathy and all their families.
She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.
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A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0845/FUL Conversion of upper floors to 5 bed student HMO at Superior Developments, 24 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
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2018/0871/FUL Siting of 4 no. static caravans for seasonal workers accommodation at Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road, Hesketh Bank.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2018/0897/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 2, 6, 8, 13, 19, 26, 30 and 34 of planning permission 2018/0395/FUL to vary approved plans, the total gross internal floorspace devoted to Class A uses, the occupation of Blocks C and D, external lighting scheme, internal network, landscaping and landscaping maintenance, subdivision of units, pedestrian and cycle routes within the site at Land To The South Of, Ingram, Birch Green, Skelmersdale.
2018/0898/FUL Erection of retail foodstore and associated works at Land To The South Of, Ingram, Birch Green, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
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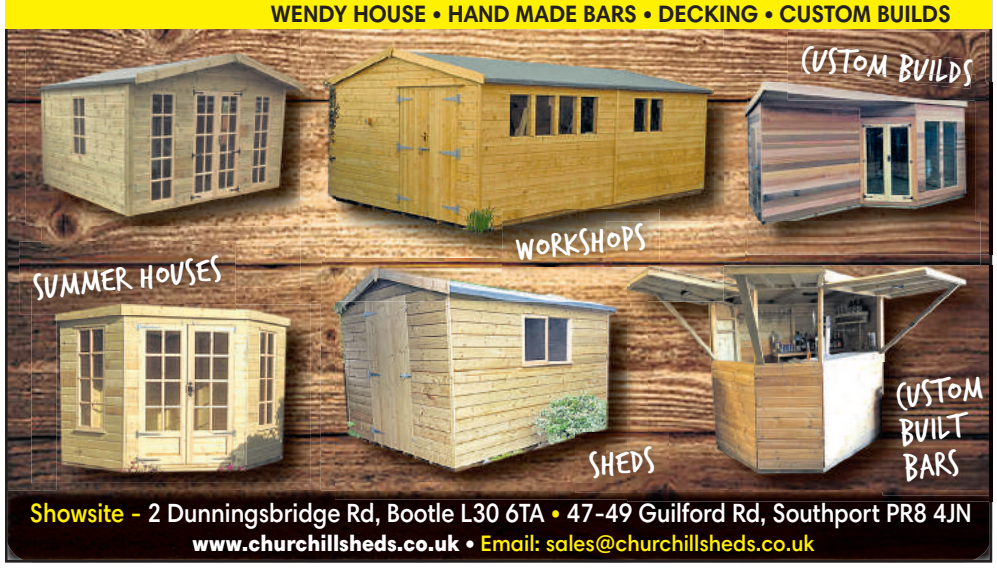

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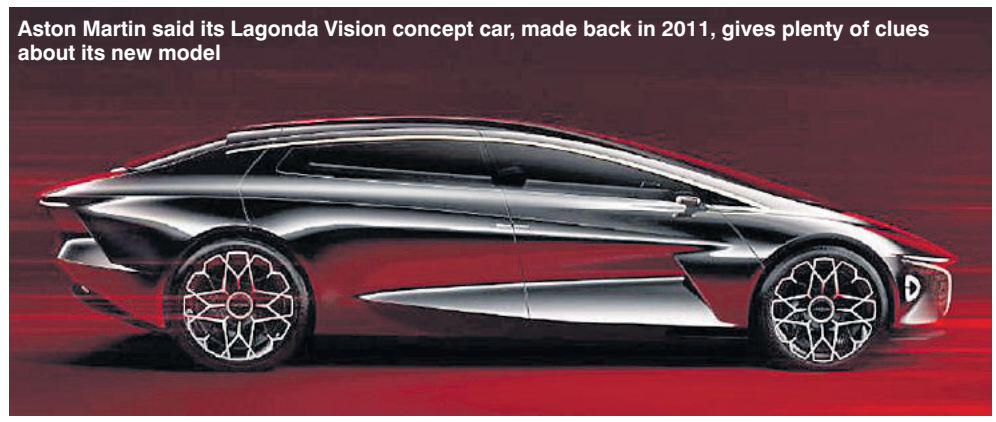

Aston Martin said its Lagonda Vision concept car, made back in 2011, gives plenty of clues about its new model

Aston Martin is reviving its own Lagonda sub-brand

ASTON MARTIN is reviving its Lagonda sub-brand to take on Tesla with a new range of zero emissions luxury cars.

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Vinfast is not an energy drink, it's actually a new range of cars in Vietnam

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VINFAST. It sounds like the name of some nasty new energy drink or a pill you'd pop to cure indigestion – but it's actually a new range of cars dreamt up over in Vietnam.

The new wave of carmakers not-so-quietly plotting on world domination in Asia have never been terribly good with names. The first one I can recall coming over here was the Great Wall, a double-cab pick-up truck from China which not only referred to a mighty landmark but also the vehicle's aerodynamic and performance qualities.

Then there's the Byton, which its makers said was meant to sound well-heeled and vaguely aristocratic but just reminds me of four children and a dog going on adventures.

But one thing Vinfast definitely didn't get wrong was the styling.

I actually did a double take when they sent me the first pictures of their two debut models because I thought they'd mixed up with a press release from Tesla or BMW – but no, the first Vietnamese car company to have a crack at winning over cynical Brit motorists have utterly nailed it in the looks department.

It's early days so there's no word on what sort of engines its new off-roader and saloon will have under the bonnet, whether you'll be able to plug them into a three-pin socket in your garage or if they'll be able to navigate Switch Island on a busy Friday night autonomously, but they have at least revealed how they managed to make their new offerings look so good. They didn't – they gave the job to some Italian blokes instead.

If you've got this far down this week's column without giving up and heading straight to the Champion's sport page then you won't need me to tell you who Pininfarina is, but it's worth remembering that they did the Ferrari F355, the Peugeot 406 Coupe, the Jaguar XJ6 Series III and the original Fiat 124 Spider. So it should be no surprise that with a new carmaker eager to get peoples' attention paying the bills and no previous history as baggage that the Italians would be able to turn a blinder – and they have. Okay, so the V-shaped logo on the radiator grille smacks of late Nineties Vauxhall, but the rest of it is as good as anything you'd find coming out of Turin or Stuttgart.

So you'll be able to buy it here next year, right? Erm, nope. Despite Vinfast launching its cars at the Paris Motor Show next month it says it wants to play it safe and focus on selling cars back home – and it might launch them here in a couple of years, by which time they'll be starting to look a bit dated.

It's a shame, because on looks alone I reckon it'd do well here. Still, at least it'll give 'em time to come up with a better name!

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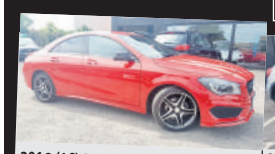

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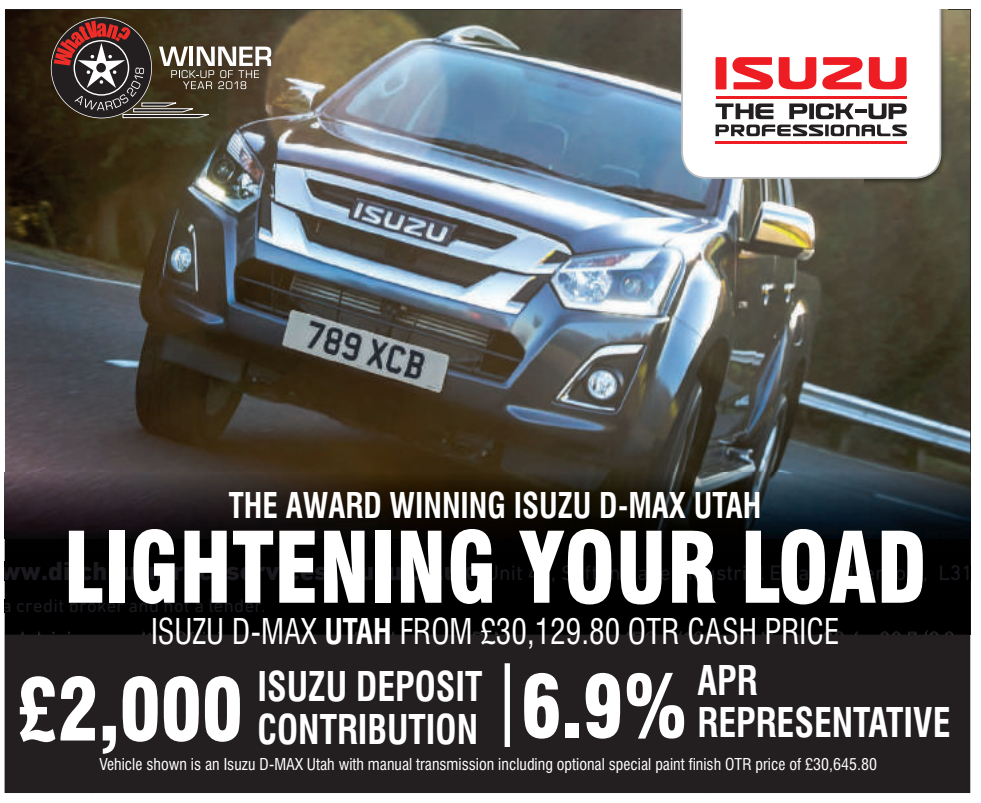

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Amount of Credit	£15,157.08
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Optional Final Payment	£6,033.00
Interest Charges	£1,638.92
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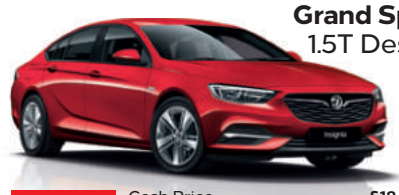

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Skem look for new coaches in backroom staff shake-up

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United are looking for a new assistant manager as they shake-up their backroom s taff.

Coaches Karl Bell and Chris Stammers have both left the club and this week the Skelmersdale United website is carrying an advertisement for an Assistant Manager/First Team Coach.

The advert says applicants must possess the UEFA B licence and it would be desirable if they have knowledge and experience of the Evo-Stik League.

Manager Dave Powell has also made one experienced addition to his side, bringing in midfielder Danny McLoughlin who played for Mossley last season.

Dave said of his arrival: "I have known him for a few years, he brings maturity, experience and an excellent attitude to the club, I'm glad to have him."

Both West Lancashire's local non-league clubs are on the road on Saturday.

Burscough travel to Irlam in their quest to make progress in the FA Vase and Skelmersdale make a trip to the same area of Manchester when they take on Trafford in the first of what will be a double header.

Things took on a brighter look down at Skelmersdale on Saturday when they showed an excellent fighting spirit to bring a point back from Glossop North End in a close encounter.

They have a double header against Trafford, playing a league game away on Saturday, September 15 before returning the entertainment on Tuesday, September 18 when they are at home to Trafford in an Integro League Cup First Round tie.

Trafford have not exactly set the league on fire so far this season, winning only once and losing the other three of their league games this season and significantly they are only two points ahead of Skelmersdale in the league table.

Burscough have an away FA Vase tie at Irlam on Saturday. The Linnets don't have a midweek game next week but if they draw at Irlam the replay will be at Victoria Park next Tuesday, September 18 at Victoria Park.

Burscough could have been given an easier draw in the FA Vase, Irlam have already beaten the Linnets 2-1 at Victoria Park, but Burscough have a habit of raising their game for cup ties and they beat Irlam over two legs in the semi-final of the Macron Cup last season, so they will travel on Saturday with hopes high of repeating the act.

One thing that is expected to be strongly to Burscough's advantage at Irlam is that centre-forward Chad Whyte is expected to be fit after having had seven stitches removed from his knee, he has been missed while he has been absent, so it will boost the team for the big game.

Ormskirk forced to settle for runners-up spot after washout

NORTHERN were crowned the 2018 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division champions on Saturday after rain caused every match in the top three divisions to be abandoned without a ball being bowled, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

Northern were due to play at Colwyn Bay but although rain prevented them from taking the field, the abandonment of second placed Ormskirk's match means they can't catch James Coles' side on the final Saturday and will finish runners up.

Formby will finish third as fourth placed Bootle can't catch them with a match remaining, whilst at the foot of the table Rainford and Highfield are both relegated and will play in the First Division next season.

In the First Division, leaders Southport & Birkdale and second placed Orrell Red Triangle had their title battle washed out at Trafalgar Road, meaning Chris Firth's side who have a nine point lead over Orrell can secure the title if they beat Fleetwood Hesketh this coming weekend at Sea Cop.

At the foot of the table Burscough and Liverpool were relegated without playing and will drop down to the Second Division next season.

At the top of the Second Division, Northop Hall, Old Xaverians and Caldy are all still chasing the title and promotion as two out of the three take the battle to the final match this coming weekend.

Hayden McCrae had a successful season for Northern.

Final local LDCC fixtures of the 2018 season (noon start): New Brighton v Bootle, Northern v Formby, Ormskirk v Rainhill, Ainsdale v Sefton Park, Burscough v Wavertree, Fleetwood Hesketh v Southport & Birkdale, Alder v Hightown St Mary's, Southport Trinity v Parkfield Liscard.

Maghull have now completed their season as Skelmersdale dropped out of the league earlier in the season.

United put defensive woes behind them to play out a stalemate

Glossop North End 0
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United kept a clean sheet but are still in search of their first league win of the season.

As the half progressed Paul Ennis agonisingly put a shot inches wide of the far post as Skelmersdale attacked.

It was becoming a good game, scrappy in places but with plenty of action at both ends to keep the spectators enthralled on a dank afternoon in the Pennine foothills.

After the interval Skelmersdale goalkeeper Terry Smith, who was present thanks to a successful appeal after last week's dismissal, saved from a Darren McKnight free-kick and a Matty Russell shot.

Chances were not as plentiful as they had been in the first-half but the game was still finely balanced.

As the end approached nerves started to jangle for Skem and in the last moments there was one almighty panic as the ball was allowed to drift untouched right across the face of their goal for a corner. A goal would have been a complete injustice, but it nearly was one.

After the match Dave Powell said: "I am delighted with the spirit and delighted with the clean sheet. It all came together in midweek, we were nice and solid, we changed the shape to do that, but having done that we still created seven or eight good opportunities.

"With a bit more luck we could have two or three up at half-time. I thought we were overall excellent."

Spirited Linnets knocked out of the FA Cup by Warrington

Warrington Town 4
Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH were well beaten in their FA Cup clash but came away with their heads held high, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The FA Cup draw at Warrington was about as tough a one as they could have been dealt.

The Wire sit third in the Evo-Stik Premier Division table, some three divisions above Burscough in the pyramid, and hadn't conceded a goal in the their previous four games, so the Linnets were definite outsiders.

Coupled with the statistics, Burscough were without the dependable Alex Parkes and centre-forward Chad Whyte whose knee was still not fit enough to allow him to play.

Burscough started with Terry Cummings and new signing from Essex based East Thurrock Calvin Ekpiteta up front.

There was barely 20 seconds gone when this almost paid dividends, Cummings cutting in from the right and going face to face with former Linnets goalkeeper Tony McMillan the veteran goalkeeper pulled off a superb save.

In the tenth minute Burscough went close again, McMillan making a save from a Gary Grier shot.

Warrington's first opportunity came via a swift and incisive move when Adam Hughes played the ball up to big Josh Amis, the number ten headed the ball to Dylan Vassallo, who crossed from the goal-line and Amis was inches away from connecting with his cross.

A corner was driven into the near-post area, Burscough goalkeeper Max Povey went to punch it but wasn't able to reach it and the ball was partially cleared but fell to Ben Garrity who played it back into the box where former Burscough striker Tony Gray headed home to make it 1-0.

It was now Burscough's turn to show their mettle as Warrington sought to finish them off.

Gray hit the post on 34 minutes and then the hosts put one over the crossbar with the best they muster, otherwise Burscough defended well.

A minute before half-time Burscough almost levelled, McMillan making another good save after Peter Henerty got his head to a Danny Brady free-kick.

On 47 minutes Burscough thought they had equalised, Gary Grier putting in a vicious dipping shot from 25 yards that had keeper McMillan well beaten and from one angle it required a second look to convince yourself it had actually missed the target.

On 57 minutes Warrington got their second goal and a quality one it was. Robbie Evans got away down the right before curling the ball behind the Burscough back-line to Gray who finished like a man who was in no mood to do his old club any favours.

The game settled for a period, but then Burscough came very close to halving the margin on 70 minutes, left-back Jamie Clark played a text book one two with Cummings and found himself one on one with McMillan, however the keeper thwarted Burscough again.

In the 73rd minute it was game to Warrington. Former Grimsby, Tranmere and Wrexham Jack Mackreth won the ball on the right and set off for goal, he then sent the ball across Povey into the far corner for an excellent finish.

In added time Warrington made it four, former Crawley Town striker Richard Brodie converting from close range after good work on the left by Bohan Dixon.

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